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Brazil-US

Nuclear Fuel Issue

Brazilian leaders are increasingly worried about the possible enactment of a bill now before the US Congress that is intended to prevent other nations from using US nuclear technology or fuels for making nuclear weapons. The Brazilians fear that the legislation will be used to deny the export of nuclear fuel now scheduled for delivery to Brazil in mid-December.

If the bill is adopted, Brazil will either have to find an alternative source for enrichment processing for the plant being built by Westinghouse, or be forced to accept additional US safeguards.

the Brazilians intend to take strong retaliatory action if the fuel shipment is denied.

Such actions would be consistent with measures enacted by the Brazilian Government this year to protest US pressure, including the abrogation earlier this week of all bilateral military accords with the US.

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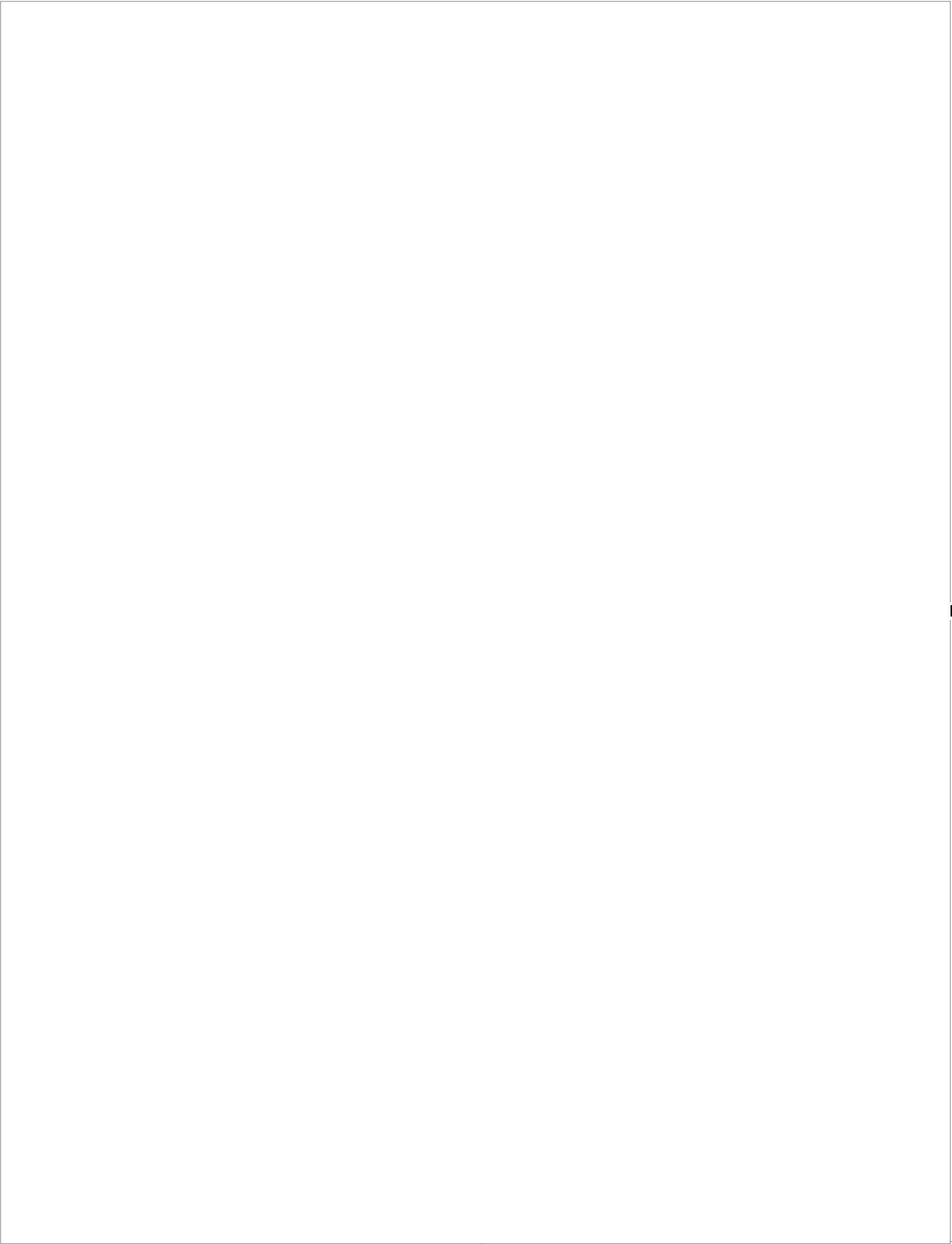
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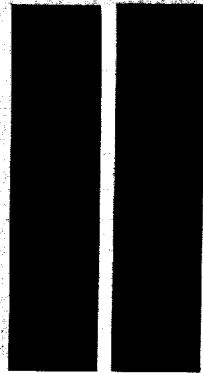
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